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Applicant:

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For:

SKIN LIGHTENING COMPOSITION COMPRISSING AN EXTRACT OF

PLANTS FROM THE FAMILIES OF SYMPLOCOS OR RUBIA

Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey 07632

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Box: Patent Application Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application filed concurrently herewith, please amend the claims as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.